**Spelling Change Verbs in the present (-cer and –ger)**

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| **Pronoun** | | [**Present**](http://french.about.com/library/weekly/aa122699.htm) |  |  |  | **Pronoun** | | [**Present**](http://french.about.com/library/weekly/aa122699.htm) |  |  |
| je | lance | | nous | *lançons* |  | je | mange | | nous | *mangeons* |
| tu | lances | | vous | lancez |  | tu | manges | | vous | mangez |
| il | lance | | ils | lancent |  | il | mange | | ils | mangent |
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|  | | [Present](http://french.about.com/library/weekly/aa070800.htm) | [Past](http://french.about.com/library/verb/bl-pastparticiple.htm) |  |  |  | | [Present](http://french.about.com/library/weekly/aa070800.htm) | [Past](http://french.about.com/library/verb/bl-pastparticiple.htm) |  |
|  | | *lançant* | lancé |  |  |  | | *mangeant* | mangé |  |

Verbs conjugated like lancer: Verbs conjugated like manger:

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| *annoncer* to announce |  | *arranger* to arrange | *exiger* to demand |
| *avancer* to advance |  | *bouger* to move | *juger* to judge |
| *commencer* to begin |  | *changer* to change | *loger* to lodge |
| *dénoncer* to denounce |  | *corriger* to correct | *manger* to eat |
| *divorcer* to divorce |  | *décourager* to discourage | *mélanger* to mix |
| *effacer* to erase |  | *déménager* to move | *nager* to swim |
| *lancer* to throw |  | *déranger* to disturb | *obliger* to oblige |
| *menacer* to threaten |  | *diriger* to direct | *partager* to share |
| *placer* to put |  | *encourager* to encourage | *rédiger* to write |
| *prononcer* to pronounce |  | *engager* to bind | *voyager* to travel |
| *remplacer* to replace |  |  |  |
| *renoncer* to renounce |  |  |  |

**Spelling Change Verbs in the imperfect**

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| **Subject** | [**Imperfect**](http://french.about.com/library/weekly/aa010200.htm) |  |  |  |  | [**Imperfect**](http://french.about.com/library/weekly/aa010200.htm) |  |
| je | *lançais* | nous | lancions |  | je | *mangeais* | nous | mangions |
| tu | *lançais* | vous | lanciez |  | tu | *mangeais* | vous | mangiez |
| il | *lançait* | ils | *lançaient* |  | il | *mangeait* | ils | *mangeaient* |

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| *remplacer* to replace |  |  |  |
| *renoncer* to renounce |  |  |  |